

**REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
OCTOBER 9, 2019**

**ITEM 4**

**SUBJECT**

Consideration of Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0164, *An Order Rescinding Order No. 83-09 and Addenda, Waste Discharge Requirements for Julian Sanitation District, County of San Diego* (Sherrie Komeilyan).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0164 is recommended.

**KEY ISSUES**

Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0164 (**Supporting Document No. 1**), if adopted, rescinds Order No. 83-09, *Waste Discharge Requirements for Julian Sanitation District, County of San Diego* and Addendum No. 1 to Order No. 83-09, *An Addendum Modifying the Requirements for Julian Sanitation District, San Diego County* (collectively Order No. 83-09). The onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) at the Julian Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) will be regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ *General Waste Discharge Requirement for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems* (General Permit).<sup>1</sup>

**PRACTICAL VISION**

Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0164 is consistent with the Strategizing for Healthy Waters chapter of the Practical Vision.<sup>2</sup> Utilizing statewide general permits helps the San Diego Water Board focus staff resources on larger projects and facilities within the region that pose a greater threat to water quality.

**DISCUSSION**

The Facility is located in the town of Julian, approximately one mile west of the downtown area (**Supporting Document No. 2**). San Diego Water Board staff conducted an inspection of the Facility and reviewed a Report of Waste Discharge for the enrollment of the Facility in the General Permit and determined the OWTS system is eligible for enrollment.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

The significant differences between the General Permit and Order No. 83-09 are:

1. Order No. 83-09 includes individual Waste Discharge Requirements for the Facility and the General Permit is an order that regulates small domestic wastewater facilities statewide.

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<sup>1</sup> General Permit:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/water\\_quality/2014/wqo2014\\_0153\\_dwq.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2014/wqo2014_0153_dwq.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Practical Vision:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/practical\\_vision/docs/PV-WQCC\\_Version.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/practical_vision/docs/PV-WQCC_Version.pdf)

2. The monitoring required by the General Permit is less stringent than the monitoring included in Order No. 83-09, however the new monitoring program is more appropriate and consistent with facilities of similar size and discharge across the State.

## **COMPLIANCE RECORD**

Four staff enforcement letters have been issued to the Facility for the following violations of Order No. 83-09:

- On July 7, 2006, the Facility failed to report effluent flow rates, dissolved oxygen concentrations and pond depths.
- The Facility exceeded effluent limits for sulfate and chloride on May 16, 2005 and August 16, 2005, respectively.
- On May 5, 2010, the Facility exceeded effluent limits for total dissolved solids and the chloride 12-month average.
- The Facility exceeded effluent limit for chloride in April, May, and June of 2010.
- On November 2, 2010, the Facility exceeded effluent limit for chloride.

Since the last staff enforcement letter issued November 2, 2010, there have been no violations of Order No. 83-09.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notification of this action was sent to known interested parties by mail on August 16, 2019 (**Supporting Document Nos. 3 and 4**). Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0164 was posted on the San Diego Water Board website on August 16, 2019. No comments were received during the comment period. These actions satisfy the public notification requirements of Water Code, division 7, section 13167.5 for a 30-day notice and public comment period.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0164
2. Location Map
3. Tentative Order No. R9-2019-0164 Transmittal Letter
4. Notice of Public Hearing